

# AN AMERICAN MAJOR TO WED AN ITALIAN COUNTESS.

## A Mating of the Brave and the Fair Toward Which Boston Is Looking With Great Interest.

REPUBLIC SPECIAL.  
Boston, Mass., Nov. 17.—When Major "Red" Edridge of the Eighth Massachusetts Regiment asked for a few months' leave of absence a few weeks ago nobody guessed it was because he was going to



WHY WED IN ITALY

and away for a bride to Italy, to marry one of the fairest little Countesses that can be found anywhere in any land. It isn't often that an American man goes abroad for a wife, and especially a titled one, though Counts and Dukes and even Princes-gallies have carried away a number of our most charming maidens. But the marriage of the gallant American Major and the dainty Italian Countess is the outcome of one of the prettiest of love stories, and is simply and purely a love match.

Major Edridge is now sailing across seas to the bride that awaits his coming. His mother and two sisters are with him and will attend the quiet wedding. The honeymoon will be spent in Venice and Paris and London, but the new year will find the Major and his bride established in their Boston home, receiving the good wishes of their many friends. The fair little Marquise da Medici, whose name is Cressida Peruzzi, will then be called plain Mrs. Edridge, but isn't true love more than a fair exchange for a title?

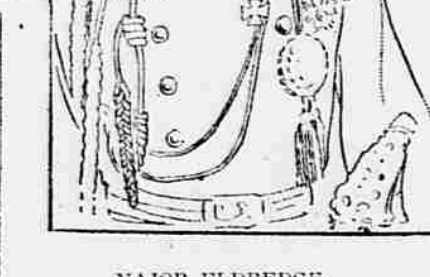
The young Marquise da Medici is a descendant of old Leonardo da Medici, patron of art and learning, and of all the other great Medicis who made Florence of old the greatest city of its day. She is fair and of slender build, a girl just 19 years old,

Her handsome lover is in the 30s. Her eyes are blue and her hair a soft, bright brown. And, best of all, the little Countess knows and loves America, and is not altogether Italian herself. For her mother was the beautiful Edith Story, daughter of W. W. Story, the American seapower, who made his fame in Italy. Cressida Peruzzi has many relatives in America, among them Mrs. Edridge, as the Major is a relative, too, of his bride-to-be.

The Marquise da Medici has often visited in Boston. When she was a mere slip of a

child she used to like to trot by the side of her big "cousin Ned" and a cordial "brother-and-sister" friendship sprang up between the two, the girl regarding the tall man as her gallant knight errant.

Last winter, the "little Countess," as her Boston friends call her, came on another visit. This time she was quite a young lady. She showed remarkable interest in military affairs, and was a guest at "camp" several times. Her career was always "cousin Ned." Last spring a message came from Italy that the Marquis Peruzzi was dead. The Marquis had been a distinguished member of the Italian court. It fell to the lot of Major Edridge to break the news to the Marquise's little blue-eyed daughter. And, gossip says, it was then that a love something more than that



MAJOR EDRIDGE.

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of a brother was offered her. Be that as it may, when Cressida Peruzzi, clad in deep mourning, arrived for her home in Italy, she wore on her finger a ring that signified the pining of her truth. The engagement was announced to the family's mourning, and the wedding will be a quiet one because of the late bereavement.

Major Edridge himself has "no end" of friends. Not only is he popular in the militia. He is a member of all the honorable patriotic societies, such as the Military Order of Foreign Wars, the Society of Colonial Wars and the Sons of the American Revolution. He was chosen register of the Naval and Military Order of the Spanish-American War in 1898.

He traveled to be as comble as he was patriotic and was invaluable to Colonel Few, and as one of the staff officers of General Joseph Sanger.



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## GRAVE OF LAST CHIEF OF THE OMAHAS.

### Resting Place of the Half-Breed Indian Who Once Attended School in St. Louis.

REPUBLIC SPECIAL.  
Omaha, Neb., Nov. 17.—Forty-five years have passed since Logan Fontenelle, last chief of the Omahas, was laid to rest. The place of his grave has long been in doubt, but recently several residents of Omaha set about the task of locating it, and this task finally they accomplished.

The Omaha have long occupied their reservation, the schools which Logan Fontenelle founded have long been in existence



LOGAN FONTENELLE.

and the last of the Fontenelle children have passed away, and there are but few remaining who remember the episodes of the early history of the settlement of Bellevue, where the site of the Fontenelle house is, the house itself having passed away.

The last of the descendants of the Fontenelles have moved lately to the Omaha reservation. Elton Beckstead, a Nebraska pioneer, gave valuable assistance to the Omaha men in their efforts to locate the graves of Logan Fontenelle and his father. Mr. Beckstead was ill and in bed when the Omaha party called on him, but he said that he would make an effort to guide them to the spot they were in quest of and locate the graves of the Fontenelles within at least twenty feet of the exact place, the Missouri maps of the clearing in the woods were made. It is probable now that an effort will be made to erect some kind of monument there to mark the resting place of the men who achieved a national reputation in the treaties between the Omaha and the government.

Among the most important men who followed the missionaries to Nebraska, was a central point at Bellevue, where the Indians did their trading, was a Frenchman named Logan Fontenelle, who came from New Orleans about 1820. His true history is more romantic than any in fiction. He was the grandson of a Marquis. His father and mother were drowned in a great flood of the Mississippi, and he and his sister, left all alone, were to live with an aunt in St. Louis. The boy was not happy in the home of this aunt and ran away up the Missouri river. There, in the course of time, he met the daughter of the Iowa chief, Me-mu-ba-be, "The Sun." The pretty Indian maiden and the Frenchman were married by the famous Father De Smet, and Logan Fontenelle had married into a wealthy people. Once only did he visit New Orleans, where his sister had married into a wealthy aristocratic family. She did not recognize him in the bronzed man, wearing the garb of a frontiersman, her handsome young brother of twenty years back, and when she was finally convinced she was horrified at the thought of his having an Indian wife. Logan Fontenelle had two sons, Logan and Albert. These boys were sent to school for a time in St. Louis. Logan Fontenelle married a woman of the Omaha tribe whose name was Ge-ja-wa-hai. In 1853 he was

## YOUNGEST COMPOSER OF OPERATIC MUSIC.

### Young Schoolgirl Who Has Disposed of an Operaetta That Will Soon Be Produced.

REPUBLIC SPECIAL.  
St. Louis, Nov. 17.—Miss Mad Bonifis is the eldest daughter of Fred G. Bonifis, one of the proprietors of the Denver Post. Miss Mad is just a little past 17 and is at present attending a fashionable young ladies' school in New York. Reports of the young girl's musical success have been doing the rounds of the city for some time, and the latest is the most gratifying of all. Miss Bonifis has just disposed of an operaetta at a royalty, and the piece will soon



Miss Mad Bonifis, who is making a reputation in New York as a writer of music.

be produced in New York. This places the bright young student among the ranks of composers, and she is the most youthful of them all.

Her musical ability was recognized some years ago in her home town, and since her stay in New York she has made rapid progress in her studies. Of late she has taken up the violin, and shows great skill in her handling of that instrument.

Although Miss Bonifis's parents are very devoted to her, they have never had any of her work published. The girl has sold it all upon her merit and has spent the money as pleased her.

Not only is this accomplished Western girl a beauty in a healthy as well as in a refined sense, but she is a very pretty model figure. Her fluffly hair is always in becoming disorder, and she dresses becomingly. Her tastes are not extravagant, and nearly all of her time is devoted to her studies. Her voice is one of good quality, and this ambition may be gratified.

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cord, Venetian and Broadcloth, 45c quality,  
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shoes of every description, not a pair worth less than \$3; go for..... 1.98

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pans to match, French yokes, buttons  
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and across the butt, silk trimmed and  
pearl buttons; worth 69c—  
special..... 50c  
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Union Suits, drop back, to fit 1 to  
13 years; worth 39c—  
choice..... 25c

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spliced heel and toe, plain and 1x1  
ribbed; 65c goods—special,  
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Cotton Hose, 1x1 ribbed, full seam-  
less, sizes 6 to 9½; and Boys' Extra  
Heavy Cotton, 2x2 ribbed;  
worth up to 30c—choice..... 15c  
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and prevent shrinking; were \$9.75—  
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Baskets, strictly all wool, with  
pretty Jacquard borders—now  
15 cases White Cotton-filled Bed  
Comforters, well made and of good  
weight—now..... 1.35

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Blankets.**  
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strong, well-made blanket;  
worth \$2.50—cut to..... 1.75  
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cut to..... 2.75

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Two Specials.  
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Brussels Carpet, this  
season's patterns;  
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Chairs; were \$1.00 each—  
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Chiffoniers, with 1½ Rockers, in oak or mah-  
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**DUMB WITNESS IN PANTOMIME.**  
Aged Woman Who Could Not  
Speak Conveyed Story of Murder  
in an Unmistakable Manner.  
REPUBLIC SPECIAL.  
Washington, Nov. 17.—One of the strangest  
scenes ever enacted in a courtroom  
that was witnessed in the Su-  
preme Court of the District recently when  
an aged woman, who could not speak, tes-  
tified as a witness to the murder of her  
sister. The whole testimony was given in  
pantomime.  
James Lanckton is being tried for the  
murder of Mrs. Bettie Lee Wren, sister of  
the dumb woman. Doctor E. M. Galland,  
president of Columbia Institute for the  
Deaf and Dumb, the government establish-  
ment for these unfortunate, attempted to  
interpret the signs of the mute woman.  
The witness was ignorant of the digital  
alphabet used in conversation by trained  
mutes, so the task was somewhat difficult.  
There was no mistaking, however, the mo-  
tions of the woman, and Doctor Galland's  
judgment was accepted by the court.  
Miss Wren is the only witness of the  
blow alleged to have caused her sister's  
death. Her attendant, a mulatto woman,  
who has been with her for years, repeated  
the questions to the afflicted woman, and  
quickly the meaning of them dawned upon  
the witness. Her movements were swift and  
dramatic. She told in silent eloquence how  
Lanckton had entered her sister's house in  
a drunken condition and struck the blow  
that killed the woman, now dead, to the  
floor. At the conclusion Miss Wren, who is  
90 years old, sank back exhausted.  
Lanckton is a powerful man, having once  
travelled with a circus as the "strong man"  
of the show. He met Mrs. Wren in a  
lawyer's office, where she was a clerk, and  
finally went to board at her house. He is  
said to have been infatuated with the  
woman, and was intensely jealous of her.

**CHARGED WITH BEING  
"A COMMON SCOLD."**  
Old Pennsylvania Law Invoked to  
Punish a Woman Who Fussed  
Too Much.  
REPUBLIC SPECIAL.  
Philadelphia, Pa., Nov. 17.—The fashion  
of ducking scolding women has quite gone  
out, but occasionally old methods are re-  
sorted to for curing old habits, even if the  
ducking law is no longer allowed to have  
its way.  
Bent and broken in body, and infirm  
with an age that has silvered her hair,  
Mrs. Sarah Love, who has passed the al-  
lotted three-score-and-ten by several years,  
and is an inmate of the Roxborough Poor-  
house, stood in the Manayunk Police Sta-  
tion the other day, charged with being a  
common scold.  
The charge was brought by David  
Steele, superintendent of the poorhouse,  
and William Ring, an overseer of the poor.  
They were supported in their testimony by  
most of the accounts of the institution.

**Who, it is alleged, found their lives made  
almost unbearable through Mrs. Love's free-  
dom of her tongue.**  
The aged woman, with her husband, has  
been a charge on the township for several  
years. The fact that she and her husband  
were obliged to spend their remaining days  
as public charges so worried Mrs. Love  
that, it is charged, she became embittered,  
and the management of the institution  
claim that she would leave the poorhouse  
without permission and remain out after  
hours. If the superintendent reprimanded  
her she would slap him and on every  
other within reach. Her conduct be-  
came so annoying that the other inmates  
complained, and it was considered best to  
remove her.  
Policeman Smith was detailed to arrest  
the old woman. At the court hearing she  
claimed there was a conspiracy against  
her, but that did not deter Magistrate  
Whitely from sending her to the House of  
Correction for six months.  
"Nearly Every Day  
For a year I had hemorrhages of the lungs,  
The doctor said I had consumption. I  
Peruna and am in better health than I have  
been for years." Miss Caroline J. Kahl,  
Olathe, Ind.